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SUBJECT: TRADE BILL

REF: BUCHAREST 5730

1. TEXT SENATOR JACKSON'S REMARKS ON ROMANIAN EMIGRATION
FOLLOWS:

QUOTE SECRETARY KISSINGER EXPLAINED IN HIS RECENT

TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE THAT WITH
RESPECT TO THE EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, OUR GOVERNMENT
HAS ALREADY ENTERED INTO DISCUSSIONS WITH ROMANIA WITH A
VIEW TOWARD SECURING ASSURANCES WHICH WOULD QUALIFY
ROMANIA FOR THE CONDITIONAL WAIVER UNDER AMENDMENT NO. 2000.
I WOULD LIKE TO STRESS THAT IN ADDITION TO SEVERAL THOUSAND
ROMANIAN JEWS WHO ARE KNOWN TO WISH TO EMIGRATE TO ISRAEL,
THERE ARE MANY OTHER ROMANIAN JEWS WHO ARE ALSO WAITING
FOR PERMISSION TO EMIGRATE TO WESTERN NATIONS, AND AMONG
THEM SEVERAL HUNDREDS WHO ARE SEEKING TO BE REUNITED WITH
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FAMILIES IN THE UNITED STATES. ONE SUCH CASE INVOLVES

KARIN AND JACQUELINE-ZOE MIRONESCU OF BUCHAREST, THE WIFE

AND 8 YEAR OLD DAUGHTER OF STEFAN MIRONESCU, AN EMPLOYEE

OF THE AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS WHO CAME TO THE UNITED STATES IN 1972 AND IS A PERMANENT RESIDENT. DESPITE NUMEROUS EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF HIS FAMILY - INCLUDING REPRESENTATIONS BY THE AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS - THE ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT IS STILL REFUSING TO GRANT THEM EXIT PERMITS. MR MIRONESCU BEGAN A HUNGER STRIKE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. EARLIER THIS WEEK. ANOTHER PARTICULAR HARDSHIP CASE CONCERNS THE MASSONG FAMILY IN TIMISOARA, ROMANIA, WHO HAVE BEEN SEEKING IN VAIN TO JOIN THEIR AMERICAN RELATIVES HERE FOR 3 YEARS. NEW REPRESENTATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE TO THE ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT IN THEIR BEHALF IN LIGHT OF A SERIOUS ILLNESS IN THEIR AMERICAN FAMILY, BUT SO FAR IN VAIN. UNQUOTE.

2. AS OF DECEMBER 17 MIRONESCU HAD NOT BEGUN HUNGER STRIKE. KISSINGER

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